

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 2. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-2, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-2. In Figs. 1 and 2, previously omitted element memory 35 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

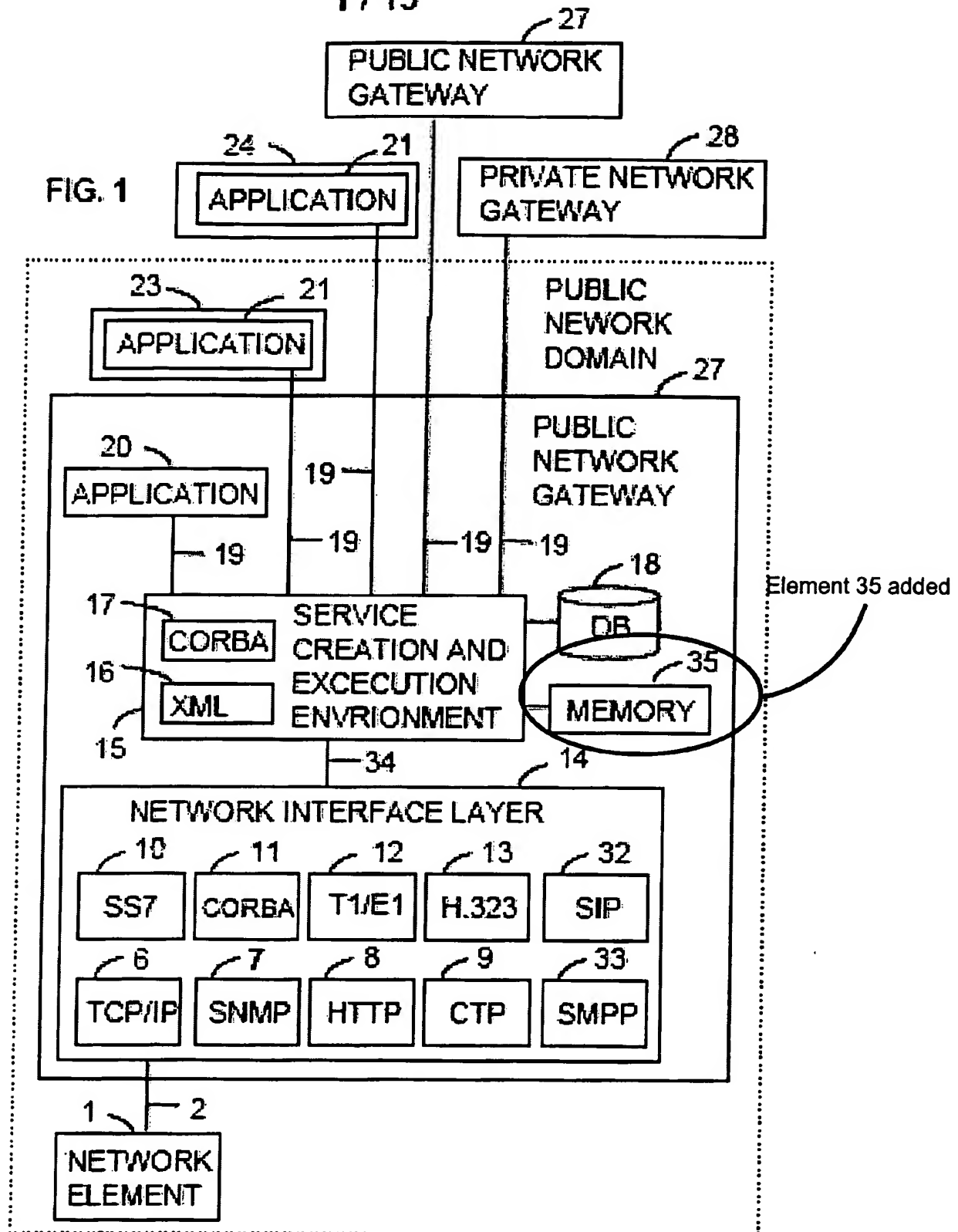
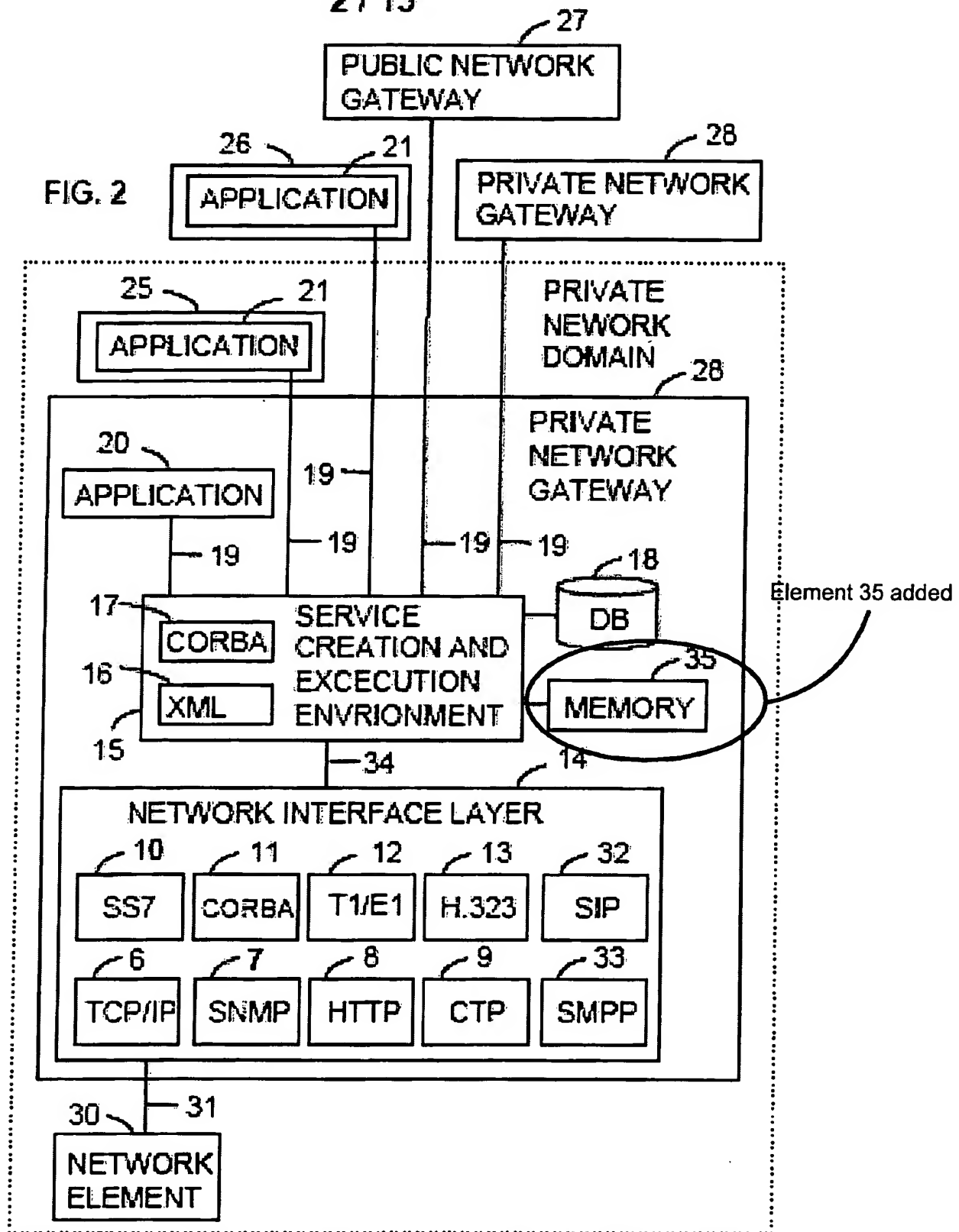


FIG. 2



REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the drawings on the basis that a "memory for storing service execution logic" was not shown. In response, the specification and Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to include the memory indicated at reference character 35.

The Examiner objected to claims 20-23 on the grounds that claims 20 and 21 recited the limitation "the local database", noting that it was unclear whether this limitation referred to the "database" of the antecedent claims. In response, the amended forms of claims 20-23 delete reference to "local" as suggested.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 22 and 23 when cast in independent form including the limitations of the base claims on which they depend. Applicant has amended claims 22 and 23 accordingly.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-14, 18-21, 24-25, 27-35, 37 and 39-40 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US 6,970,719 to McConnell. The Examiner rejected claims 15-17, 26, 36 and 38 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell, in view of US 2003-0007621 to Graves.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has re-cast allowed claims 22 and 23 in independent form and where appropriate made the remaining claims dependent therefrom. Applicant does so on a without-prejudice basis so that the Applicant can pursue the rejected claims in a continuation or divisional application.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as currently claimed now clearly distinguishes over the prior art of record. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Applicant hereby requests that any fee which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter be charged to, or any overpayment be credited to, Account No. 502651.

In the event that any PTO official wishes to discuss this application on the telephone, the call should be directed to the undersigned at 416-865-8248.

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Yours very truly,

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